

**Policy GP/LC: Protection and Enhancement of landscape character (P209)**

We acknowledge the need to fully consider the effects of development and change in the landscape character. Policy should not seek to pre-judge development proposals however and instead ensure it allows for the consideration of a proposal on its respective merits. Equally it is important that policy should not focus solely on impacts and equally recognise benefits development can bring. To this end we support acknowledgement that new development can provide opportunities to enhance the landscape, such as by improving the edge of settlements.

**Recommendation:** Policy should continue to allow for the consideration of development on its own merits, alongside any potential impacts recognising that development can bring benefits in the context of landscape character.